Introduction: Many dangers facing the church but they are not new. Self-righteousness says we have arrived and are already perfected in Christ. Liberalism means different things to different people. It is a process which goes from changing the worship or the church, its work, its teaching, to the means of salvation, to atheism. We want to define “liberalism” in modern day religion, how it has changed the church, and what we need to be doing.

**I) Defining liberalism**

**A) Liberalism (is secularly defined as); “A movement in modern Protestantism that emphasizes , the adjustment of religious beliefs to scientific conceptions, and development of spiritual capacities” Dictionary.com.**

**B) Liberalism *(is secularly defined as);* a movement in Protestantism advocating a , freedom from rigid doctrine and authoritarianism, etc. Webster’s New World College Dictionary**

**C) Liberalism *(is secularly defined as);* 1.4 — Theology Regarding many traditional beliefs as , invalidated by , or liable to change. English Oxford Living Dictionary**

**II) Religious Liberalism**

**A) Freedom from**

1. Common ideas in Old and New Testament.**Isaiah 30:10 , 2 Thessalonians 3:6**

2. Desire to be loosed from authority, whether of God or that which He **2 Peter 2:10,**

**Jude 1:8**

**B) Adjustment of beliefs to “ ” concepts, 1 Timothy 6:20**

1. Seeks ” with the world, to “be like others around us” **— 1 Sam. 8:5-7**

2. Emphasis on over what is **- Prov. 14:12**

3. Liberalism seeks to satisfy the flesh, the “ ” aspect of men’s religions, **2 Tim. 4:3**

**III) The Pathway to Liberalism**

**A) Faithful to** , **Judges 2.7, 10; 21.25**

**B) Faithful to , Jeremiah 6. 16-19 (**Covered over 900 years.)

**C) De-emphasis on Biblical authority**

1. Departure from God begins with a change in ,  **Romans 1:21**

2. Departure from God is fueled by a change in / faith , **. Psalms 10:11, 13 , Heb. 3:13**

3. Departure from God results in a change in the of scripture, **2 Peter 3:**

4. Emphasis of over substance, **Romans 16:17, Mat. 7:15; 1 Cor. 4:6**

5. Preaching less Bible and more stuff - **1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:2**

6. De-emphasis of Biblical authority –( **)**

7. Can’t the Bible alike – (movement away from God’s word to “Spirit led”) **– Ephesians 3:3 -5**

8. A & refocus of the work of the church –

9. Worship styles casual & subjective – (becoming “ ” centered )

10. Clamoring for a – (Rejection of “CENI”) –

11. Rejection of “ ” – (The Bible is JUST “A love letter” not a pattern to be followed) **– 2 Timothy 1:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:15**

12. Broaden scope of – (to be extended to those who believe and practice error)

13. Plan of relative – (De-emphasis of obedience & overemphasis of grace) **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38**

14. Moral - **1 Cor. 6:9-11**

15. Critical of those who “contend earnestly for the faith” & apostolic “tradition” **– Jude 1:3**

Conclusion: Do all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN Heb. 8:5

Do not GO BEYOND 1 Cor. 4:6)

Do not ADD TO or TAKE FROM Rev. 22:18-19